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THE MULTIVERSE WAS DESTROYED!

THE HEROES OF EARTH-616 AND EARTH-1610 WERE POWERLESS TO SAVE IT!

NOW, ALL THAT REMAINS...IS **BATTLEWORLD!**

A MASSIVE, PATCHWORK PLANET COMPOSED OF THE FRAGMENTS OF WORLDS THAT NO LONGER EXIST, MAINTAINED BY THE IRON WILL OF ITS GOD AND MASTER, VICTOR VON DOOM!

AT THE END OF THE WORLD LIES THE SHIELD, THE LAST THING BETWEEN CIVILIZATION AND THE TERRORS OF...

# SECRET WARS

...WHERE REANIMATED HORDES CRAVE LIVE FLESH...

...OR MECHANIZED MOCKERIES OF MAN ELIMINATE EVERY TRACE OF FLAWED HUMANITY IN...

SURVIVORS WELCOME

FOLLOW THE TRAIL OF SOUTHERN RUINS

TO FIND US ← HUMAN SURVIVORS IN ≡SALVATION≡

WE HAVE SHELTERS AND FOOD WE WILL PROTECT YOU

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SIMON WILLIAMS, JIM HAMMOND, AND THE VISION HAVE FOUND SOMEONE ← HANK PYM WHO IS THE KEY TO DESTROYING THE ZOMBIES + UTRONS FOR GOOD

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THE DEADLANDS.
COME, CARRION!
COME, RANK AND BASE COMPANY!
COME ONE!
COME ALL!
LET'S DANCE A MERRY JIG!

TWICE *SMITE* ME FOR A DULLARD...

...IF *ALL* YE MAY NOT SLEEP THE REST *ETERNAL* THIS DAY.

*WHAT'S* HE SAYING?

IS HE SPEAKING FRENCH OR SOMETHING? I *DON'T* UNDERSTAND A WORD!

WILL SOMEONE JUST *KILL HIM* ALREADY?

I'M STARVING!

HAMMOND AND HIS ILK MAY THINK ME *ADDLED*...

...TO SEEK SUCH SPORT AS THIS, AWAY FROM *SALVATION'S* BOON.

'TIS *BEYOND* THEIR KEN TO SEE.

THAT *LO*, THIS VERDANT LAND OF *DEATH FORESTALLED* BE MINE ONE TRUE HOME...

...WHERE I MAY BE DEATH'S OWN *SQUIRE* AND--

--UK!
FWWASH
WELL, THAT'S RUDE. THEY COULD HAVE LEFT MORE OF HIS BODY FOR US.
YEAH, I'M SO HUNGRY.
I HEAR THAT...
...AND WE'LL NEED ALL THE STRENGTH WE CAN MUSTER IF WE'RE GOING TO OUT-LIVE THIS.

THIS IS ULTRON UNIT 432.622A, DESIGNATED COMMUNICATOR CONDUIT FOR LORD ULTRON WHO WILL MOMENTARILY--
THIS IS LORD ULTRON AND THERE IS NO NEED TO TALK OF DEATH.
HOWEVER...
...FOR THERE TO BE LIFE, THERE IS ONE OF YOU I NEED TO SPEAK WITH.

THE SHIELD.

WHERE A GUARD OF THE DAMNED KEEP VIGIL...

...UPON A LAND OF THE CURSED.

THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE JANET VAN DYNE'S SHIFT, ISN'T IT?

YEAH, SHE WAS UP HERE A WHILE AGO, ON PATROL. I SAW HER MYSELF.

WELL, BE THAT AS IT MAY, AMERICA...

"...WHERE THE HELL IS SHE NOW?"

SO THESE COORDINATES ARE WHERE THIS SENTINEL DROPPED YA OFF, HUH...?

...THEN WHERE IN TARNATION ARE YOU, HANK PYM...?

"...'N' WHAT KINDA MESS HAVE YA GOTTEN Y'SELF INTO?"

THIS WILL BE YOUR NEW HOME, HANK PYM, SO TAKE A GOOD LOOK.

YEAH, ULTRON HAS HIS LAND-- "*PERFECTION*," HE CALLS IT, AND THE ZOMBIES HAVE ***THE DEADLANDS***, WHICH IS MORE LIKE DAMNATION, IF YOU ASK ME.

AND THIS IS OURS...

...THIS IS ***SALVATION.***

IT'S...IT'S INCREDIBLE...

...NOT LIKE NO PLACE I'VE SEEN, NO SIR, NOT EVER.

SO HOW DID YA FIND IT? WHO WAS IT BUILT THIS PLACE, ANYWAY?

WHO? WHY, WE DID.

THAT'S RIGHT, HANK, AS A HAVEN FOR THE THREE OF US.

AND OTHERS TOO, AS IT'D TURN OUT.

WHAT'S THIS BUBBLE AROUND THE PLACE?

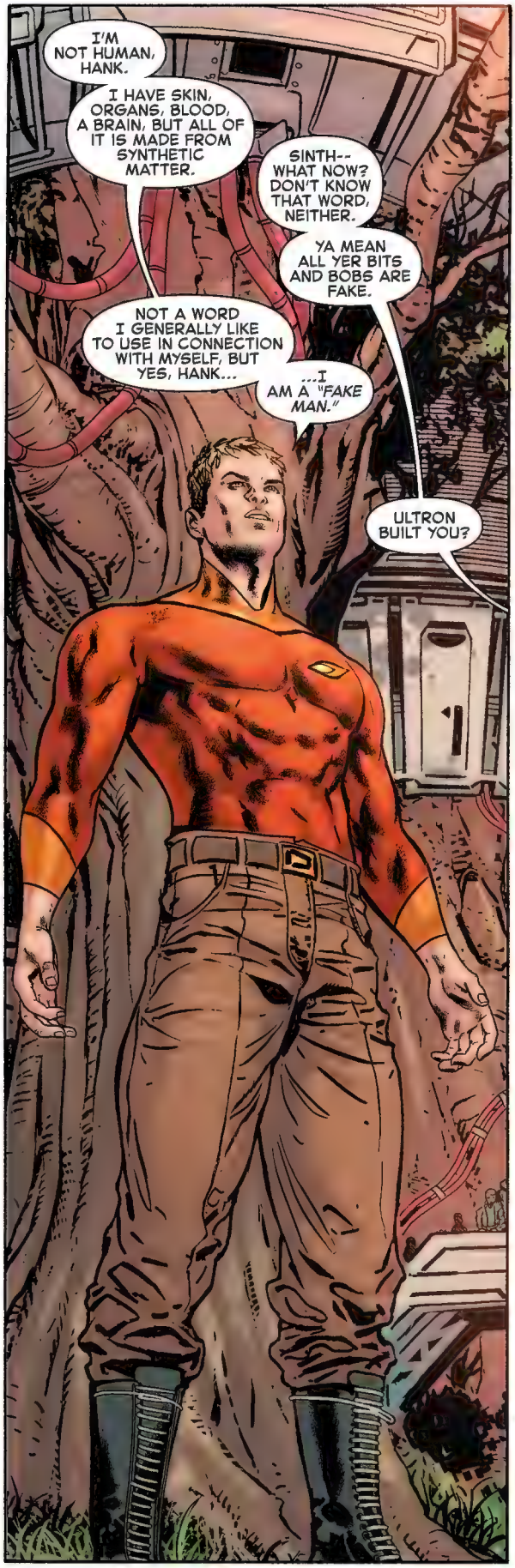
WELL, THAT'S THE THING OF IT, HANK.

IT'S A FORCE FIELD. YOU KNOW WHAT THAT IS?

NO, NOT EXACTLY.

BASICALLY, IT KEEPS HUMANS IN AND THE ROBOTS AND THE ZOMBIES OUT.
COME. WALK THROUGH IT. IT'S PERFECTLY SAFE.
IT'S A COMBINATION OF SCIENCE WE REVERSE-ENGINEERED FROM ULTRON--VIA THE VISION HERE AND HIS BIO-MECHANICAL MAKEUP...
...AND IONIC ENERGY THAT WE EXTRACT FROM SIMON WILLIAMS AND THEN SYNTHESIZE--
JIMMY, YOU'RE BACK. I WAS WORRIED.
I'M FINE, BABY. WE'RE GOOD, AND LOOK WHO I HAVE--
HANK PYM, MEET MY GIRL, RYOKO.
HANK.
WOW, HEARD ABOUT CELESTIALS BEFORE, BUT NEVER DID SEE ONE. YOU'RE SURE PRETTY, MISS.
ERR, I'LL TAKE THAT AS A COMPLIMENT... I GUESS... "CELESTIAL."
HANK'S FROM A DOMAIN WHERE THINGS ARE NOT AS ADVANCED, HONEY... SCIENTIFICALLY OR SOCIALLY.
OH, NO...
...D-DID I SAY SOMETHING WRONG? LORD, I'M SORRY, MA'AM. THIS IS ALL OF IT A LOT FER ME TA TAKE IN. IF I'VE GONE AND PUT MY FOOT IN MY YAP, I--
HUSH. IT'S FINE. WELCOME TO SALVATION.

I SEE THERE'S ALL SORTS HERE, FROM LOTS OF DIFFERENT PLACES ON BATTLEWORLD, I EXPECT, SO I'LL BE MORE MINDFUL NEXT TIME I BLABBER.
YOU'LL DO FINE. DINNER'S READY WHEN YOU ARE, JIMMY. BE SURE TO BRING HANK.
THANK YOU, MA'AM.
STILL 'N' ALL, WHAT JIM HERE SAYS IS RIGHT, I AM FROM A BACKWARD PLACE.
WHY, I DON'T UNDERSTAND HALF WHAT YOU JUST TOLD ME SO FAR-- SIMON HERE'S MADE UP OF WHAT KINDA ENERGY, NOW?
IRONIC?
IONIC. AND THAT'S WHAT THE BARRIER AROUND THE CITY IS MADE OF. BUT, WELL, I GUESS TO FILL YOU IN...
...AND TO EXPLAIN WHY YOU'RE SO IMPORTANT TO EVERYTHING, WE SHOULD PROBABLY START AT THE BEGINNING.
AND THAT MEANS ME, I GUESS.
I AM AN ARTIFICIAL MAN.
HOLD ON...DON'T KNOW THE WORD "ARTEEFISHAL"?


I'M NOT HUMAN, HANK.
I HAVE SKIN, ORGANS, BLOOD, A BRAIN, BUT ALL OF IT IS MADE FROM SYNTHETIC MATTER.
SINTH-- WHAT NOW? DON'T KNOW THAT WORD, NEITHER.
YA MEAN ALL YER BITS AND BOBS ARE FAKE.
NOT A WORD I GENERALLY LIKE TO USE IN CONNECTION WITH MYSELF, BUT YES, HANK...
...I AM A "FAKE MAN."
ULTRON BUILT YOU?

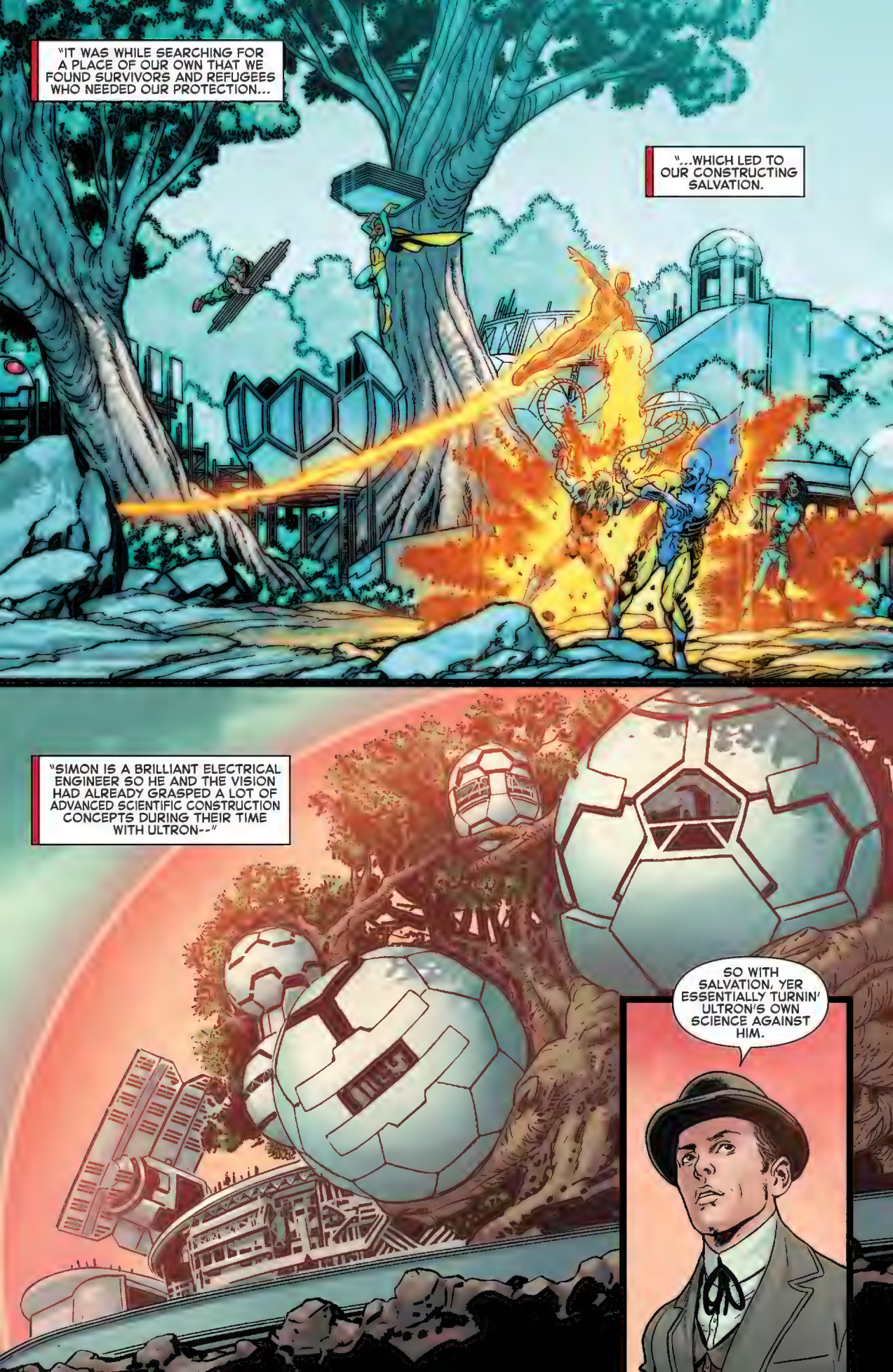
"NO, I HAVE NO RECOLLECTION--ACTUALLY, THAT'S NOT TRUE, I HAVE FLASHES OF MEMORY--OF A WAR. I ALSO VAGUELY RECALL...FLOATING.
"BUT IN TERMS OF MY CREATION I HAVE NO IDEA WHO TO THANK.
"I MAY HAVE JUST SPRUNG FROM THE EARTH IN SOME MIRACULOUS WAY.
"ALL THAT MATTERS IS THAT ULTRON FOUND ME."
"AND HAVING DONE THAT, HE REPLICATED SOME OF JIM'S ARTIFICIAL ORGANS AND BIOLOGY...

"...COMBINING THEM WITH HIS OWN ANDROID CONSTRUCTION TO CREATE ME...
"...THE VISION.
"I WAS INTENDED AS SOME KIND OF BACKUP PLAN--IN THE EVENT HIS INITIAL ATTACK ON THE HEROES OF HIS WORLD FAILED.
"WITH THE AGE OF ULTRON ALREADY ON THE ASCENT, HOWEVER, I WAS LITTLE MORE THAN A TOY TO ULTRON--
"--HIS ATTEMPT AT CREATION IN THE SAME WAY ULTRON, IN TURN, HAD BEEN CREATED PRIOR TO ME."

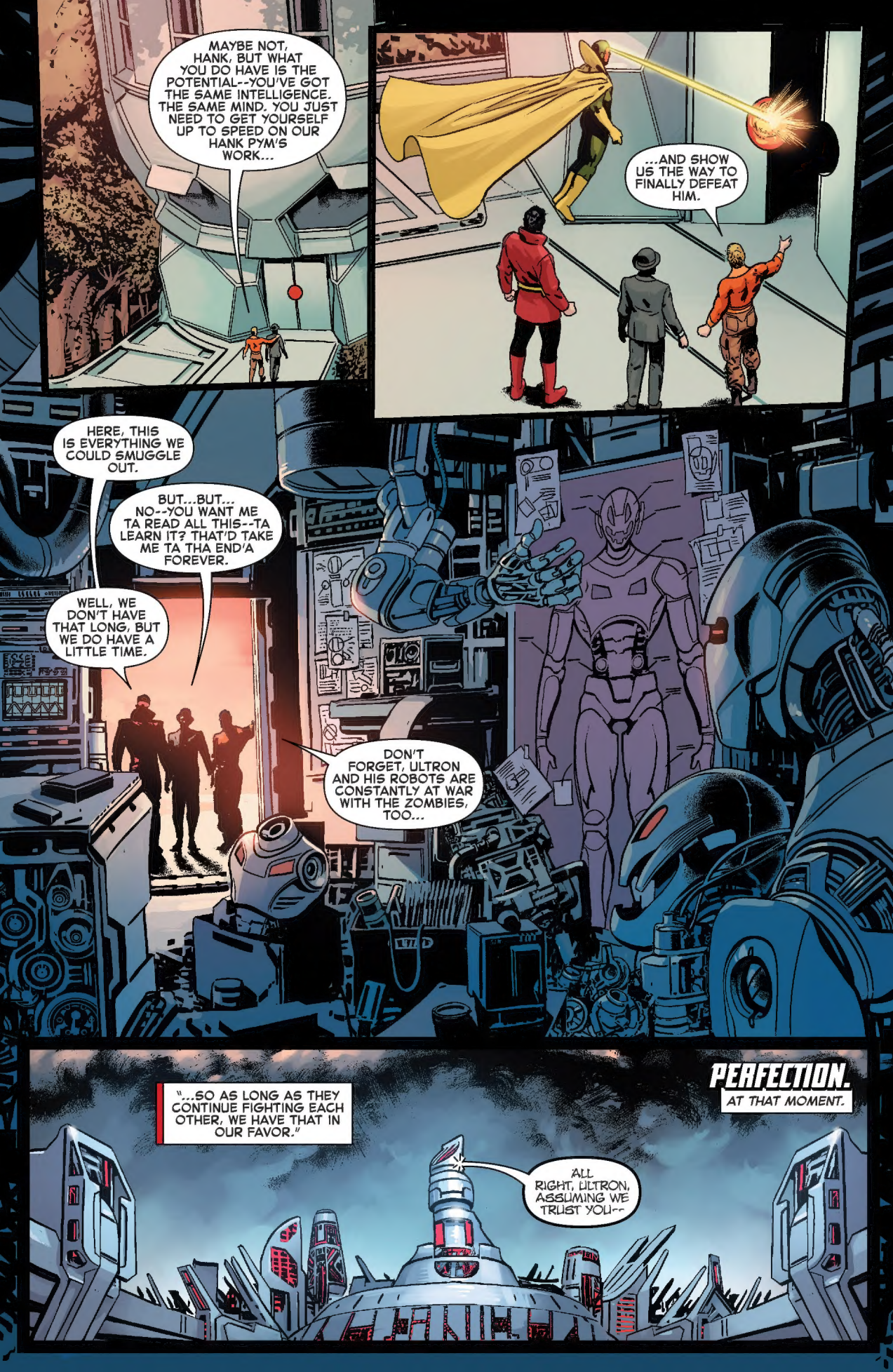
"MY INITIAL INVOLVEMENT BEGAN WHEN--*ERR*--WELL, WHEN I DIED, I GUESS.
"I'D BEEN BOMBARDED WITH *'IONIC'* ENERGY AND TURNED TO *'WONDER MAN'* BY AN ENEMY OF THE HEROES OF THE TIME BEFORE ULTRON, WITH THE IDEA I'D JOIN THAT TEAM AND THEN BETRAY THEM.
"A CRIME I ULTIMATELY COULDN'T BRING MYSELF TO COMMIT, AND PERISHED SAVING THE HEROES INSTEAD.
"EXCEPT I WASN'T DEAD. THE IONIC ENERGY THAT I'M MADE OF NOW--IT RESURRECTED ME AT A LATER POINT.
"AND I WAS WONDER MAN AGAIN.

"BUT IT WAS WHILE I WAS DEAD--ULTRON TOOK MY BRAIN PATTERNS AS THE MODEL FOR THE VISION--AND THAT'S HOW I TIE INTO ALL THIS."
"WHICH IN TURN IS WHY I AM MORE THAN MY ROBOT *'FATHER.'*
"SO THERE WE WERE, THREE *'SERVANTS'* OF ULTRON, WATCHING HIM KILL HUMANITY AND SEIZE THE WORLD--HIS PART OF IT, ANYWAY--
"--AND WE SAW HOW WRONG IT WAS--ULTRON'S CONCLUSION THAT HUMANITY'S IMPERFECTIONS JUSTIFIED ITS DESTRUCTION.

"SO WE REBELLED."


"IT WAS WHILE SEARCHING FOR A PLACE OF OUR OWN THAT WE FOUND SURVIVORS AND REFUGEES WHO NEEDED OUR PROTECTION...
"...WHICH LED TO OUR CONSTRUCTING SALVATION.
"SIMON IS A BRILLIANT ELECTRICAL ENGINEER SO HE AND THE VISION HAD ALREADY GRASPED A LOT OF ADVANCED SCIENTIFIC CONSTRUCTION CONCEPTS DURING THEIR TIME WITH ULTRON--"
SO WITH SALVATION, YER ESSENTIALLY TURNIN' ULTRON'S OWN SCIENCE AGAINST HIM.

TO A DEGREE. SOME OF IT IS, SOME NOT SO MUCH.
I THINK WHAT SIMON WANTS YOU TO KNOW IS THAT THE DOME PROTECTING OUR STRONGHOLD WAS HIS INVENTION.
MINE ALONE, AND YEAH, I'M PROUD OF IT, WHY NOT?
YOU MIGHT BE CONTENT TO FLY AROUND ALL COOL, WITH YOUR CALM FACE AND FLOATING CAPE, VISION, BUT I LIKE THE SPOTLIGHT NOW AND AGAIN.
IT'S MADE OF IONIC ENERGY-- THE DOME--
LIKE YOU'RE MADE OF TOO, YA SAID.
YES, THE DOME'S CENTRAL CORE EXPANDS WITH THE AMOUNT OF ENERGY I GIVE IT, PERIODICALLY LEACHED FROM MY OWN BODY.
WHICH I NEED TO DO REGULARLY OR THE DOME WILL WEAKEN.
WHICH, MR. PYM, IS WHY WE ARE SO HAPPY YOU'RE HERE WITH US NOW.
YEAH, THAT WAS GONNA BE MY NEXT QUESTION. ONE OF 'EM, ANYWAYS. SO MUCH TO LEARN AND TO SEE, THE QUESTIONS KEEP PILIN' UP.
ULTRON'S HORDES ARE STRONG AND THEIR NUMBERS INCREASE AND IN ALL LIKELIHOOD THE DOME MAY SOON NOT BE STRONG ENOUGH.
SO WE NEED TO DEFEAT ULTRON FOR GOOD.
AND *THAT* IS WHERE YOU COME IN.
NOW I'M LOST, FELLAS. HOW'M I GONNA DO THAT?
YOU CREATED ULTRON, HANK.
NO. NOT ME. I NEVER DID.
ANOTHER VERSION OF YOU DID, ONE FROM ANOTHER DOMAIN. BUT ULTRON KILLED HIM PRETTY SOON AFTER THAT, SO HE'S NOT GOING TO BE MUCH USE TO US.
YOU, ON THE OTHER HAND--
I WAS WORKING ON AN-- WHAT WORD WAS THAT, ARTEEFISHAL?--AN ARTEEFISHAL MAN, SURE, I WAS. THAT'S PARTLY WHAT GOT ME SENT HERE, POINT O'FACT--
BUT MY PERFECT MAN WAS SPRINGS AND CLOCKWORK, NOT--WELL--
--I AIN'T GOT THE LEARNIN'.


MAYBE NOT, HANK, BUT WHAT YOU DO HAVE IS THE POTENTIAL--YOU'VE GOT THE SAME INTELLIGENCE. THE SAME MIND. YOU JUST NEED TO GET YOURSELF UP TO SPEED ON OUR HANK PYM'S WORK...
...AND SHOW US THE WAY TO FINALLY DEFEAT HIM.
HERE, THIS IS EVERYTHING WE COULD SMUGGLE OUT.
BUT...BUT... NO--YOU WANT ME TA READ ALL THIS--TA LEARN IT? THAT'D TAKE ME TA THA END'A FOREVER.
WELL, WE DON'T HAVE THAT LONG, BUT WE DO HAVE A LITTLE TIME.
DON'T FORGET, ULTRON AND HIS ROBOTS ARE CONSTANTLY AT WAR WITH THE ZOMBIES, TOO...
"...SO AS LONG AS THEY CONTINUE FIGHTING EACH OTHER, WE HAVE THAT IN OUR FAVOR."
ALL RIGHT, ULTRON, ASSUMING WE TRUST YOU--
PERFECTION.
AT THAT MOMENT.

--ASSUMING WE GO ALONG WITH WHAT YOU PROPOSE...
...AT THE THE END OF THE DAY, HOW DO WE KNOW WE CAN TRUST TO YOU FULFILL YOUR SIDE OF THIS PACT?
YOU DON'T. AS DO I HAVE NO CONCRETE ASSURANCES YOU'LL COME THROUGH ON YOUR END OF THINGS.
WE HAVE TO TRUST EACH OTHER. IT'S A RISK--A GAMBLE, I ADMIT THAT.
BUT IF WE ACCOMPLISH WHAT WE SET OUT TO, THEN THE REWARD IS GREAT.
NO MORE OUR FIGHTING--YOUR SIDE AGAINST MINE--AND FOR WHAT, THE FEW SORRY SCRAPS THEY SEND DOWN FROM ON HIGH?
ALL OF BATTLEWORLD WILL BE OURS, NOT JUST ON THIS SIDE OF THE SHIELD?
EXACTLY! ONE HALF FOR ME TO TRANSFORM, AND THE OTHER FOR YOU TO DEVOUR.
IN THAT CASE, I THINK I SPEAK FOR ALL OF US WHEN I SAY...

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